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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Marlowe et al.	Confirmation No.	9078
Serial No.	10/734,063	Art Unit:	1635
Filed:	December 10, 2003	Examiner:	To be assigned
For:	AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PREPARING AN ASSAY READY BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE	Attorney Docket No.	9301-232-999

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated March 19, 2004, be extended for a period of three (3) month(s) from May 19, 2004 to and including August 19, 2004.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$950.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: August 17, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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